

Amendments to and Listing of the Claims:

Please amend claim 1 as indicated below, wherein double bracketing indicates deletion and underlining indicates addition. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) A ladder support bracket for receiving a rung of a ladder intended to be placed against the gutter of a building and thus restraining the ladder[[,]] from sideways or downwards movement, the bracket comprising a first flat region, at least one fastener secured to said first flat region and being adapted to be secured to a rigid portion of the building, a second region connected to a distal end of the first region and adapted to span over the gutter, and a third region connected to a distal end of the second region and in the form of a cradle adapted to receive and support the rung of the ladder.

2. (Previously amended) A ladder support bracket according to claim 1, wherein the first region which is adapted to be secured to a rigid portion of the building is in the form of a relatively planar sheet like portion which is adapted to be secured to the timber members of the roof support structure of the building by attachment means in the form of screws.

3. (Original) A ladder support bracket according to claim 1, wherein the second region spans the gutter so that in use the ladder does not actually make contact with the gutter.

4. (Previously amended) A ladder support bracket according to claim 3, wherein side rails of a ladder thus used with the bracket are additionally prevented from contacting the gutter by virtue of their resting against the leading edges of the gutter spanning region, said leading edges formed by virtue of the width of the cradle portion being less than the width of the gutter spanning region.

5. (Previously amended) A ladder support bracket according to claim 1, in which the bracket is made a material selected from the group consisting of sheet metal, aluminum, marine grade aluminum, plastic and a composite material.

6. (Previously amended) A ladder support bracket according to claim 1, in which the bracket is molded to shape by a process for forming the shape appropriate to a material chosen.

7. (Previously amended) A ladder support bracket according to claim 1, wherein the bracket is permanently fixed to the rigid portion of the building.

8. (Previously amended) A ladder support bracket according to claim 1, wherein the bracket is further bendable on site at the time of installation to the building to accommodate the particular pitch of the roof to which it is to be fitted.

9. (Previously amended) A ladder support bracket according to claim 1, in which the bracket is also provided with securing points, in the form of hooks or holes, for tying off or additionally securing the ladder by utilizing ropes, ties, or rubber straps in conjunction with the securing points.

10. (Canceled)